

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the preferred weight average molecular weight for polymer component (A) (see e.g., specification page 14, lines 14-17) and to further define elements (A-1) and (A-2) by reference to formulae 2 and 3, respectively. See, e.g., original Claim 2. In addition, Y in each of formulae 1-3 has been defined as a –COO– group, as supported by original Claim 7 (formula 6), and specification page 8, line 15. No new matter has been entered.

The rejection of Claims 24-26 is no longer applicable. While Applicants disagree with the rejection, Claims 24-26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite prosecution.

The rejection over Yoshida in view of Figovsky is traversed.

As recognized in the Official Action, Yoshida does not disclose a copolymer comprising at least one cyclocarbonato group represented by presently claimed formula (1). To cure this deficiency, Figovsky is cited. However, in Figovsky “Y” as used herein is a carbon backbone or a polyalkyloxide. See columns 5 and 6 of the reference and page 4, top, of the Official Action. As both Yoshida and Figovsky fail to disclose or suggest polymer component (A) as presently claimed, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection over these references should be withdrawn.

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Accordingly, and in view of the above amendments to the claims and explanatory remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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